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PATENT
APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:
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Appln. No.: 10 010,696

Group Art Unit 2811
Examiner: Vu, Quang D.
Atty. Dkt. No. 100-16201 P05088-C1

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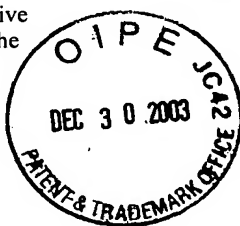
Filed: December 5, 2001

Title: Multilevel Metal Interconnect with Capacitive Structures that Adjust the Capacitance of The Interconnect (as amended)

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Date: December 30, 2003

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) filing fee must be enclosed

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed Amendment.
3. ☒ The Extension of Time (in duplicate).
4. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
5. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
6. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.
7. ☒ The Enclosed Non-Publish Request.
8. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed
9. ☒ A check in the amount of \$880 is enclosed of which \$770 is the required RCE filing fee, \$110 for a One Month Extension of Time (with copy) and (Postcard, fee transmittal (with copy) are also attached.)

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY
ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003 AND
FINAL REJECTION MAILED JULY 2, 2003

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 12, 2003 and the Final Rejection mailed July 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified applications as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks which begin on page 11 of this paper.

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ADVISORY ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2003
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